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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT:

Weekly Report for October 1 - October 13, 2001

THIS WEEK

- Graham-Feinstein: Representatives from DOJ, FBI, CIA, and the White House will meet with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to discuss drafting changes to the Graham-Feinstein bill on October 1. (Walter)
- Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001: On September 25, the full Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on draft legislative proposals designed to combat terrorism. The House Judiciary Committee could mark up their version of the Anti-terrorism Act later this week
- Money Laundering: On October 3, the Assistant Attorney General of the Department's Criminal Division, Michael Chertoff, will testify before the House Committee on Financial Services regarding the money laundering provisions of the Administration's anti-terrorism bill. (Estrada)
- Border Security: On October 3, INS Commissioner Ziglar will testify before the Senate Appropriations Treasury Subcommittee on northern border security issues. (D. Burton)
- Threat Assessments: Representatives from FBI and CIA are scheduled to brief members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on October 3 on threat assessments regarding Islamic fundamentalist groups, Al Qaeda, and Osama Bin Laden, and on intelligence regarding terrorist cells in the United States. (Walter)
- Nominations: The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a nominations hearing for October 4. The list of nominees on the hearing are: Jay Bybee, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel; Edith Brown Clement, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; Laurie Smith Camp, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; Claire V. Eagan, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; James H. Payne, to be a United States District

Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma; and Karen Caldwell, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Critical Infrastructure Hearing: On October 4, the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee has invited the National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC), FBI, to testify on the roles and responsibilities of NIPC in relation to other critical infrastructure offices in the Executive Branch. (Daley)

LAST WEEK

- Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001: On September 24, the Attorney General testified at a hearing on the proposed Anti-Terrorism legislation before the House Judiciary Committee, which may mark up the bill next week. The Attorney General also testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on September 25, about the proposed Anti-Terrorism legislation.
- Graham-Feinstein "Intelligence to Prevent Terrorism Act of 2001": On September 24, the Senate Intelligence Committee held an open hearing on this bill and on provisions of the Administration's anti-terrorism proposal pertaining to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. The Department witnesses, David Kris, Associate Deputy Attorney General, and Larry Parkinson, FBI General Counsel, testified along with Robert McNamara, the CIA General Counsel.

On September 27, the Department convened an interagency drafting group, including representatives from Justice, FBI, CIA, the National Security Agency, the Defense Department and the Office of Management and Budget, to work out drafting suggestions for a Statement of Administration Policy on the Graham-Feinstein bill. (Walter)

- 2001 National Money Laundering Strategy: On September 26, the Assistant Attorney General of the Department's Criminal Division, Michael Chertoff, testified before the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee on money laundering provisions of the Administration's anti-terrorism bill. (Estrada)
- Critical Infrastructure Hearing: On September 25, Ron Dick, Director of the National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC), FBI, testified before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations. The hearing focused on vulnerabilities and preparedness. (Daley)